

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): Extruder device with an extruder worm (4) and a worm drive (1, 2),

- which (1, 2) includes a drive motor (1),
- which exhibits a rotor (8),
- which during operation is connected to the extruder worm (4) in such a manner that the rotor (8) and the extruder worm (4) rotate at the same speed during operation and
- which can be connected to detachable torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15), which transmit torque between the rotor (8) and the extruder worm (4) and which can be detached when retrofitting work occurs,
- where the detachable torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15) include a torque transmission point, at which torque is transmitted from a bushing (14) to a connecting section (6), which is at least partially encompassed by a bushing (14) , characterized in
 - that the bushing is fastened on a face side of the rotor, and
 - that the torque transmission point in the axial direction is located outside the rotor (8).

Claim 2 (original): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that both the bushing and the connecting section are located completely outside the rotor.

Claim 3 (currently amended): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15) are arranged between the rotor (8) and the extruder worm (14) [sic].

Claim 4 (currently amended): Extruder device, as claimed in claim

1 ~~any one or several of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15) include a screw connection (15) that runs in the axial direction and with which the bushing (14) and the connecting section (6) can be connected so as to be rotationally rigid.

Claim 5 (currently amended): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one or several of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that at least one of the torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15) is at least partially encompassed by a housing (16), which is rigidly connected to the housing (5) of the extruder worm (4).

Claim 6 (original): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the housing (12) of the drive motor (1) is connected detachably to the housing (16), which at least partially encompasses the torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15).

Claim 7 (currently amended): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 5 ~~or 6~~, characterized in that at least one of the torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15) is braced against the encompassing housing (16) by means of roller bearings and/or ball bearings (17).

Claim 8 (original): Extruder device, as claimed in the preceding claim, characterized in that the roller bearing (17) is an angular contact bearing, which can absorb the axial forces.

Claim 9 (currently amended): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 7 ~~any one of the two preceding claims~~, characterized in that said at least one torque-transmitting element (6, 14, 15) is the bushing (14).

Claim 10 (new): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15) are arranged between the rotor (8) and the extruder worm (14) [sic].

Claim 11 (new): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15) include a screw connection (15) that runs in the axial direction and with which the bushing (14) and the connecting section (6) can be connected so as to be rotationally rigid.

Claim 12 (new): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15) include a screw connection (15) that runs in the axial direction and with which the bushing (14) and the connecting section (6) can be connected so as to be rotationally rigid.

Claim 13 (new): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that at least one of the torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15) is at least partially encompassed by a housing (16), which is rigidly connected to the housing (5) of the extruder worm (4).

Claim 14 (new): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that at least one of the torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15) is at least partially encompassed by a housing (16), which is rigidly connected to the housing (5) of the extruder worm (4).

Claim 15 (new): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that at least one of the torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15) is at least partially encompassed by a housing (16), which is rigidly connected to the housing (5) of the extruder worm (4).

Claim 16 (new): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that at least one of the torque-transmitting elements (6, 14, 15) is braced against the encompassing housing (16)

by means of roller bearings and/or ball bearings (17).

Claim 17 (new): Extruder device, as claimed in claim 8,
characterized in that said at least one torque-transmitting element
(6, 14, 15) is the bushing (14).